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**Field Day is June 26-28
2009**



Field Day is coming to a town near you!

Have you been sharpening up you operating skills? Are you fixing you that old coax, putting on new connectors, greasing the Mic switch and Morse key? Are you going out with a group or operating from the comfort of your 'shack?' Have you invited guests to operate with you? Whatever you do get on the air and have a ball.



**Ham Breakfast
June 6th 2009**

**Country Buffet
751 North Academy
(Citadel Crossing)
8:00 am - 9:30 am**

June Club Meeting

The program for June will be on Field Day. The club meeting will be on June 10th (second Wednesday in June), at 7 pm at Panera Bread on the NE corner of Powers and S. Carefree.

PPRAA Officers

President	Doug Nielsen	N7LEM
Vice President	Dave Moore	KØDAM
Secretary	John Wishart	KCØJFH
Treasurer	Dennis Rosas	ACØIV
Ø-Beat Editor	Mike Anderson	WV7T
Board	Dan Scott	WØRO
Board	Dennis Major	NØABC
Board	Tom Brereton	WØTOM
Board	(open)	

All officers can be contacted at:
boardmembers@ppraa.org

PPRAA JUNE VE SESSION

The Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association (PPRAA) VE Team will be conducting a VE session at 9:00 a.m.

on Saturday, June 13, 2009 in the room 101 at Colorado Technical University (CTU). The PPRAA VE Team is affiliated with the ARRL/VEC and examinations for all classes of license will be offered.

Full information, including driving directions to the CTU is available at the PPRAA web site at <http://www.ppraa.org> or you may contact Jackie Cornwell ACØCA at ac0ca@arrl.net or by calling 719-632-8254.

If attending, please BE SURE to bring the following items to the session:

- 1) A valid PHOTO ID, driver's license preferred (if you do not have a valid photo ID, please call for alternative identification requirements).
- 2) Your SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (now required -- this includes children).
- 3) Your ORIGINAL amateur radio license (if any) AND a PHOTOCOPY for the VE Team to keep.
- 4) The ORIGINAL of any relevant CSCEs you may have AND a PHOTOCOPY for the VE Team to keep.

PLEASE NOTE: The standard ARRL/VEC exam fee for 2009 has increased to \$15 effective January 1st. Cash, Check or Money Order for \$15 (standard ARRL VE Fee). Checks and money orders should be made out to ARRL/VEC and will cover all the exams you wish to take at the VE session.

PPRAA VE Team policy, as with many VE Teams, is to not allow same day retests on failed exams.

73 as always...

Jackie Cornwell ACØCA
PPRAA VE Contact
719-632-8254

Thursday Evening Net

Please join us for the Thursday Night 10-meter net. We meet at 7:00 PM (Local) on or near 28.400 USB.

The goal of the net is for Technicians through Extra class operators to enjoy a weekly on-the-air chat, and experiment with various transmission modes. The outcome of the net has been a surprise to new old old-timers alike, we has all come away with a

better understanding of our radios, filter usage, mic gain, transmission line, ...etc.

This is a perfect net for an introduction to HF and/or SSB too. The net is informal, just jump in with your call and net control will get you on the list. One thing that is (almost) always is giving a description of you rig, antenna system and approximate location.

Technicians remain operating SSB as do other class operators with SSB only radios. If you are restricted to SSB do not let that bother you as we take that into account even as we jump between modes (AM, FM, DSB, LSB).

Hope to hear you Thursdays on the net!

73,
WØRO

PPRAA Club Meeting

13 May 2009

President Doug Neilsen N7LEM called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM at Panera Bread, followed by introductions around the room.

Silent Keys: None.

Minutes: Mike WV7T/David KØDAM moved/seconded that the April meeting minutes be approved as printed in the Zero Beat. Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Dennis Rosas ACØIV reported that we had a \$7382.90 total balance in our three accounts as of 13 May 2009.

Committee Reports

HamCon 2009 – Dan WØRO reported that the event will be held May 29, 30, & 31 in Estes Park. See www.hamconcolorado.org for more info and to register. Must call the host hotel to book a room. PPRAA is responsible for the talk-in for the event. Operators are needed for this activity, for HamCon QSL contacts, and for antenna setup on Friday morning. PPRAA Forum has a ride-sharing feature if you need a ride.

Field Day 2009 – Doug stated that we still need a location and a coordinator for this event. If interested or have a location suggestion, contact a club officer or board member. Location is not set as yet. Date is June 27 & 28, 2009.

MegaFest 2009 – Megafest Chairman is Rob Roller N7LV. This event will be held Saturday, 18 July 2009 at Lewis Palmer High School in Monument. We still need volunteers for recruiting vendors and other communications. We will also have a raffle ticket sales table at HamCon 2009 that we need volunteers for.

Colorado QSO Party – Doug N7LEM still needs some help with this year's event. It will be the first weekend in September, the 5th-6th, 2009. Contact Doug if you can help. Some minor changes have been made to the contest rules. CCARC has sponsored ten plaques.

PPRAA Forum – other clubs can be added to this if they desire a separate area.

Technical Education – Mike WV7T reported that he needs material for the Zero Beat. Please provide some reports about your activities. Mike has acquired an original 1980 Colorado license plate, AFØS (our club call sign).

Thursday Night Net - Every Thursday night, 7PM, Doc's Glow Net on 28.4 MHz SSB. Also at 8PM on 145.55 MHz, AM 2M net. See www.ppraa.org for details. Number 36 is coming up tomorrow. Modes are changed during the evening for experimentation purposes. AM, FM, and sideband modes are used.

Program

David Moore KØDAM presented information about ham radio-related programs for the Ubuntu Linux operating system (download free at www.ubuntu.com). David also provided a bootable distribution DVD, including many ham radio applications, to attendees.

Next Club Meeting: The next regular club meeting will be the second Monday, 7 PM, 10 June 2009, at Panera Bread on the NE corner of Powers and S. Carefree.

Next Board Meeting: 7 PM, Monday following club meeting, 15 June 2009, at the Stetson Hills Police Substation, 4110 Tutt Blvd.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Submitted by:
John Wishart KCØJFH
PPRAA Secretary
23 May 2009

PPRAA Board Meeting

18 May 2009

Attendees: Dennis ACØIV, John KCØJFH, Doug N7LEM, Dan WØRO, Rhoda KB2BZY,

President Doug N7LEM called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM at the Stetson Hills Police Substation.

Minutes – Dennis/Dan moved/seconded that the April minutes be approved as printed. Passed.

Treasurer's Report – Dennis reported that we have \$7382.90 total in our accounts as of 18 May 2009.

Committee Reports

HamCon Colorado 2009

Dan WØRO reported Volunteers are also needed for setup/operating/takedown help. Contact Dan if interested.

Field Day 2009

We are now planning on doing this at the Tri-Lakes/Monument Fire Station (same as last year).

Megafest 2009

This is July 18 at Lewis-Palmer High School in Monument. We still need to sell tickets at area hamfests prior to the event (in particular, at Hamcon 2009). Contact Rob N7LV if you can assist.

COQP

A few rule changes are under consideration. We would like to cut down the number of categories by eliminating some of the categories that haven't had any entries.

Picnic

August 22 at Dirty Woman Park in Monument.

Worked All CO Counties Award

We are still working on this item to resolve the question about the QRP Worked All Counties Award currently offered by the CO QRP Club. Ours would be a "higher, non-QRP" power level award.

Meeting Day of the Week

Tabled indefinitely.

New Business

Board member replacement

Bill has resigned from the Board due to moving further away. We need to fill the vacancy. This will be taken up at the next club meeting. Doug will post a notice on our website.

Membership Application

We now have this in an editable form (it was an image). Mike will make some changes to update the form for the *Ø-Beat*.

Around the Table

Mike – brought in the Suggestion Box. It has not been used, so it will be retired. Could we have a "Bring a Friend" night or a Saturday event with equipment to use? We also need more technical presentations.

Dan – suggested that we plan on a weekend antenna build project to prepare for Field Day next year. Reminded us to register for the HamCon Colorado 2009 in two weeks.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Next PPRAA Board meeting: 7:00 PM, Monday, 15 June 2009, at the Stetson Hills Police Substation.

Submitted by:
John Wishart KCØJFH
PPRAA Secretary
18 May 2009

Dits and Bits

For Sale or Wanted

Have something to sell or trying to find something or just want to see something get to a good home? Send it in to wv7t@arrl.net and see it in Dits and Bits.

Contests

3.5-28 Australian Shires Contest Jun 6, 0600Z - Jun 7, 0600Z

3.5-28 SEANET Contest Jun 6, 1200Z - Jun 7, 1200Z CW--3.525,7.025,14.025,21.025,28.025,

SSB--3.540/3.790,7.090,14.320,21.320,28.320.

1.8-28 IARU Region I Field Day Jun 6, 1500Z - Jun 7, 1459Z

1.8-28 **Alabama QSO Party** Jun 6, 1600Z - Jun 7, 0400Z CW--1.810, 3.545, 7.045, 14.045, 21.045; PH--1.865,

3.855, 7.230, 14.250, 21.300, 28.4502 8.4502 8.045.

3.5-28 ANARTS WW RTTY X RST, UTC time, Jun 13, 0000Z - Jun 14, 2400Z

50+ ARRL June VHF QSO Party Jul 15 Jun 13, 1800Z - Jun 15, 0300Z

3.5-28 Spanish Islands Contest Jun 14, 0600Z - Jun 14, 1200Z

1.8-28 All-Asian DX Contest Jun 20, 0000Z - Jun 21, 2400Z

50 SMIRK QSO Party Jun 20, 0000Z - Jun 21, 2359Z

Vanity Call Sign Fees May Increase

Currently, a vanity call sign costs \$12.30 if the FCC plan goes through, will go up to \$13.40.

QSLs Of The Month

Battleship MISSOURI
Amateur Radio Club



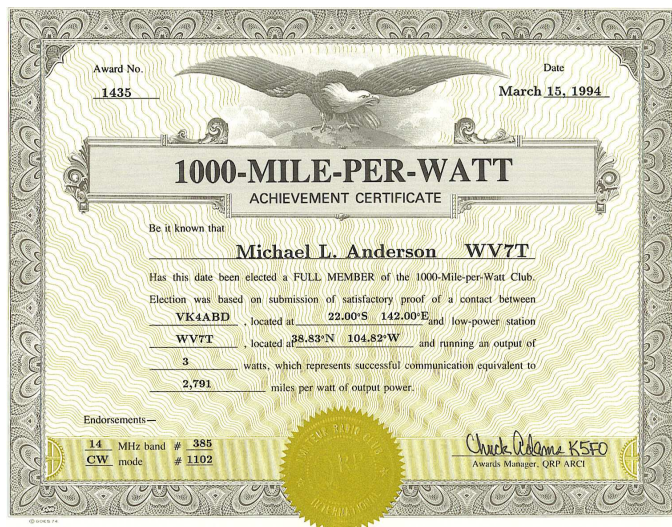


Send in a picture of your favorite QSL card.



Find something interesting to do in ham radio... you just might get surprised!

I worked 40 states during an ARRL RTTY Roundup and decided to would work the last 10 states and submit for the WAS-QRP award from the QRP Amateur Radio Club International. When I received the certificate I was surprised to find I had received WAS-RTTY-QRP #2. You just never know.



How would you like this certificate hanging on your wall? Make just one contact running QRP (5 watts or less) and divide the distance from you to the other station by your output power and if it is equal or exceeds 1000 miles per watt you can apply for this neat award .

NONPROFIT STATUS

The PPRAA is a federal 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and welcomes all contributions. Your contributions or donations may be tax-deductible.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

All memberships are up for renewal at the end of the year. If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please use the form at the bottom of this page and fill out all the appropriate information so that the Membership Committee can update the records. Include your family so they can share the value and the fun. If you know someone interested in joining, make a copy for them or have them visit PPRAA on the web and download a copy of the PDF file at www.ppraa.org.

Membership Application for the Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association, Inc. P.O. Box 16521, Colorado Springs, CO 80935-6521	
Date: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> New Member <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Call: _____ Class: N T + G A E Phone: _____ Mbr of ARRL? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Email: _____ Additional Family Members to Join/Renew Name: _____ Call: _____ Class: _____ ARRL? _____ Name: _____ Call: _____ Class: _____ ARRL? _____ Name: _____ Call: _____ Class: _____ ARRL? _____	In which activities would you like to participate? Field Day <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrations <input type="checkbox"/> Nets or round tables <input type="checkbox"/> Organize activities <input type="checkbox"/> Teach ham classes <input type="checkbox"/> Full Member \$15 <input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership \$18 <input type="checkbox"/> Over 65 \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> Over 65 Family \$12 <input type="checkbox"/> Associate \$12 <input type="checkbox"/> Donation to Club: \$ _____ Total Enclosed: \$ _____ <div style="text-align: center;"> <u>MAKE ALL CHECKS</u> <u>PAYABLE TO "PPRAA"</u> </div>
<i>The O-Beat</i> monthly club newsletter is available at WWW.PPRAA.ORG .	
Circle your interests <input type="checkbox"/> HF <input type="checkbox"/> V/UHF <input type="checkbox"/> FM <input type="checkbox"/> SSB <input type="checkbox"/> Digital <input type="checkbox"/> DX <input type="checkbox"/> Contests <input type="checkbox"/> Technical <input type="checkbox"/> Hardware <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
New and renewing members must submit a completed application form along with your check to the Treasurer. <div style="text-align: center;">Please Type or Print Clearly!</div>	

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